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**From:** Leonard, Paul [leonard.paul@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/30/2023 12:27:05 PM  
**To:** Ventura, Dominic [Ventura.Dominic@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Wagner, Christine [Wagner.Christine@epa.gov]; Towle, Michael [Towle.Michael@epa.gov]; Dietz, Linda [Dietz.Linda@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: thanks from PA on our help with Del Riv Spill

This will work fine Dom. Thanks for getting it together and thanks to Chris for the thanks to those involved



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Paul,

Put together the below language which you can use as a starting point if you choose. Pulled names from a thank you email that Chris sent out on Sunday.

I would like to recognize the EPA Region 3 Trinseo Polymer Release Response Team for their incredible work at the response over the last week. The team worked tirelessly through the weekend and this week to provide critical assistance to our response partners to ensure that human health was protected. Firstly, I would like to thank OSC Kelley Chase who led efforts in the field for EPA and coordinated closely with state, federal, and local partners. However, she had a fantastic team behind her throughout the incident. Staff from Preparedness and Response Branch including Chris Wagner, Myles Bartos, and Eduardo Rovira all provided crucial support and assistance to Kelley over the weekend. Glen Lapsley volunteered to staff the Philadelphia EOC when Philadelphia requested an EPA representative be there on Sunday. Patti Kay Wiskniewski from our Drinking Water Section provided important technical support related to water sampling and identifying and contacting water utilities. Gina Soscia stepped up as PIO for the incident. Finally, our colleagues at ATSDR, Robert Helverson and Karl Markiewicz as well as Gerald Ball with EPA ERT all provided technical support.

This team coming together over a weekend to respond to and support this emergency is a prime example of what makes EPA Emergency Response great. Sincere thanks to the entire Team for your dedication and hard work.



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Will do, thanks!



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I suggest including Glen Lapsley. He helped out by going to the Philly EOC on Sunday and Monday.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2023, at 5:18 PM, Leonard, Paul <[leonard.paul@epa.gov](mailto:leonard.paul@epa.gov)> wrote:

Let's get a few lines and include those who we feel need to be in on this. Thanks

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Looks like Paul already forwarded to front office, so I'll take that as a 'yes' 😊 Terri Dean is asking us to draft a note. Anyone else in your shop need to be included in the kudos? Can one of your folks give a few lines regarding the important role the region plays in emergency response and then we can figure out something specific on the delaware spill (or maybe someone already has something written up amongst all the emails).

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Nice ! We will be sure to pass it on. Thanks

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FYI – Lisa Daniels, Acting Water Director in PA, spoke up on our weekly State Water DD's call today to particularly call out Patti-Kay, Chris Wagner and Kelly Chase for their critical support on assistance with the Delaware River spill. I think a thank you note from Adam or Diana would be nice. Ok with you if I make the suggestion? If so, is there anything specifically you want to include in the message? (I ask because I know that many of your folks are assisting or leading on many issues like this, so not sure if you want to single this out. I lean toward yes, but wanted to check in.)

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